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ALEXANDRIA: MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, 1859.

The Academy of Medicine in New York, has been engaged in a discussion of the question "Is yellow fever contagious?" Dr. Smith took ground against the idea of contagion. Notwithstanding the numerous vellow fever visitations, the Doctor seemed to defy proof of a well-authenticated case in which the disease was communicated from person to person out of the infected district. Dr. Francis, on the other hand, presented some formidable facts. He had himself taken vellow fever from his father in 1795. who died of the disease, and he himself was into the room to put him in so soon as he was cold. There were well-authenticated cases of the personal communicability of vellow fever, though men must not expect to see yellow fever leap from one to another as plainly as they see a buffalo on the prairie.
The discussion terminated, in leaving two

The Democracy were wont to boast of their strength in the "South-West":--that land was the salt of the earth - Democratic. par excellence! Now, they have to give it up-and turn to the North-West, the country that borders on Ohio and Pennsylvania -not heretofore in very high favor, on a particular subject-as their hope, their refuge-their political salvation!

The La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad was sold on the 21st ultimo, under the third mortgage, for seventy-five per cent. of the amount due, being over \$1,500,000; thus winding up by far the most gigantic Railroad swindle ever perpetrated. From the commencement this road has been the victim of designing men, who have used it, and only too successfully, in fleecing the

The Fredericksburg News is mistaken as to the new Secretary of Legation to the Argentine Confederation. He is George Lee Brent, son of Wm. Brent, formerly minister to that country. The author of the "Benzonian pamphlet," is George W. Brent, of this place.

We are gratified to learn, says the Central Presbyterian, from the Agent for Union Theological Seminary, that a member of the Fredericksburg church has offered to give \$1,250 to found a scholarship to be called the Drury Lacy Scholarship, provided an equal amount shall be contributed from oth- ly occurred in that city.

the Welland Canal, from Upper Lake ports, to the Georgia Railroad Company. the following vessels, bound for Europe:-From Detroit, the Caroline and G. D. Dousdeanx: Grank Turk, for Hamburg; and from Cleveland, J. G. Deshler, for Ireland. They were all loaded with staves and lumber.

Among the chancery cases decided at the late term of the Spotsylvania Circuit Court, was one brought by Mrs. Sarah J. Ashby against her husband, J. Ashby, for a divorce. The Judge decreed a total divorce between the parties, (a vinculo matrimonii,) and also decreed a change of name for the plaintiff to that of Sarah J. Jarvis.

In reference to the report that in the event of the French crossing the Ticino, the Austrians will march directly to Paris, the London Post comments as follows:

"People could not see why the Austrians went no further than Piedmont. Her object was to commit France by proceedings involving her with Europe. The falling back of the Austrian Generals permits of the same my's policy. Napoleon III. is an obtruder reveal the worst prejudices against his despection one road to another, should not be subject to the expenses and delays of transhippotism, rendering him doubly dangerous.— The other despots may, therefore, combine against him. It is natural that England should join them if the scenes of 1814-'15 were to be repeated."

The case of Carstang vs. Snow, for a breach of promise of marriage, in St. Louis, last week, was decided by the jury rendering a verdict for the full amount of the petition of the plaintiff. \$100,000! It is understood that the counsel for the defendant will file a demand to have the verdict set aside, and also petition for a new trial.

Messrs. Wm. E. Lovett, of California, and A. A. Lovett, general superintendent of the American Telegraph Company, have purchased of the patentees the exclusive right for using the Hughes, the House, and Combination telegraph instruments for the en-tire State of California.

Annually, on the first day of the new year, both houses of the Tennessee Legislature formally adjourn, and proceed in a body to pay their respects to Mrs. Polk, widow of the late President Polk.

A Democratic paper says: - "Whatever may have been the differences among Democrats, they will all be buried in a common wicked things. grave at Charleston!"

The Twin Curses of Kansas, according to Greeley, who is now in the Territory, are "Land speculators and one-horse politicians."

Strawberries are selling in Cincinnati for five cents a quart. In Washington at 4 a 6 cts. In Alexandria at 8 to 10 cts.

On Tuesday 70 bushels of new prime white wheat sold at Charleston, S. C., at \$1.75 per

Hon. Cyrus Spink, a member of Congress elect from Ohio, died suddenly of apoplexy, on Monday last.

The Cunard steamer Persia is to be coaled for her next voyage, with Cumberland coal.

. The wevil is said to be destroying the wheat crop in Harford county, Md.

News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES." It is stated that about \$320,000 are required to pay off the vessels returned home from Paragnay within the last few weeks .-There are at present some 1,500 sailors in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Norfolk, discharged from these ships, trying, for

A tribute to American credit, and a fact panies of Hartford. which does great honor to American merchants dealing in Europe, is mentioned in a London letter to the New York Express. It is to the effect that not a single piece of American mercantile paper laid over at the Bank of England during the late panic, now remains unpaid.

A jury at Geneva, N. Y., has decided the question, "Is lager beer intoxicating?" in the affirmative. Witness swore to drinking a hundred glasses of the beer daily without feeling it above the pit of his stomach, but a chemist analyzed the beer, and professed to get a pint of whiskey from two quarts of lag-

er. That settled the jury! A young lad in Savannah, Ga., purchased from a stranger, a few days since, one thousand dollars in hundred dollar bills on the New Brighton Bank of Mass., which proved to be counterfeit. Six hundred dollars of the same kind of bills were passed on parties in

Augusta. At Allegheny City, Pa., on Thursday, a little girl named Elizabeth Jane Bussler, so sick with it that his coffin was brought nine years old, was struck by another girl named Elken, twelve years of age, as is supposed with a stone, from the effects of which

> The Hanover, Pa., Spectator says the damage done by the hail storm on Monday last was immense in that vicinity. Whole fields of wheat and rye, as far as the storm extended, were beaten down and utterly de-

> Cromwell, of New York, is trying to get up stock for two propellers, to run to City Point, with freight for the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad Company. The President of the latter Company is now in New York, for that object.

> The fruit crops in New England, it is stated, do not look favorable, the peach buds having been killed by the April frosts, and no blossoms having appeared; while apples promise only a moderate crop.

Five whaleships returned to New Bedford on Saturday, after an absence of from four to five years each, all of which have made losing voyages, amounting to an aggregate of \$75. 000 to \$80,000.

No person is admitted in Boston to see Paul Morphy, without a ticket. This is very ridiculous, and Mr. Morphy will have to be careful that the Bostonians do not turn his

The rust has already made its appearance in the wheat in St. Mary's county, Md., and its ravages are said to be fearfully on the in-

The Hagerstown Herald says that the hail storm on Monday last was probably the most destructive that ever occurred in that re-

The police of Augusta, Ga., have arrested three boys, who are said to have been the cause of the numerous fires that have recent-

The three Savannah steamers were sold In one day last week there passed through | in New York, on the 1st inst., for \$270,000,

Railroad Freights. The Charlottesville Jeffersonian has the man, for Liverpool; Gold Hunter, for Bor- following: "The following proposition for the transportation of freight over the Central and Orange and Alexandria Railroads, we trust, will be adopted by both companies, as it will result to the mutual benefit of both and give to our citizens and farmers especially, the choice of two markets. The people of Albemarle have long been complaining of delays and costs for transhipment of goods from one train to another. An arrangement something like the following, the public, we think, have a right to expect if not to demand, from these Railroad com-

Proposition from the Central to the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company. "Resolved. That the two companies should transport all important articles of tonnage, such as tobacco, wheat, corn, oats, plaster, guano, and other fertilizers, when delivered from one Road to the other, at the same rate per mile, as is charged for through rates by the company transporting the longer disexplanation. Possibly Louis Napoleon's tance, taking Gordonsville as a common terhesitation refers to a knowledge of the ene- minus. Provided, that there should be uniformity in the freight charges on the two selder royalty, and his ambition being Roads, and they shall in no case be less than your Executive—not your ruler—whose acts ber of solid looking feminine dignitaries hurtful to peace, his recent conduct seems to cost. That freight destined to pass from ject to the expenses and delays of transhipment, but should be transported without unloading, and that a fair allowance should be made to the company furnishing the cars."

Female Curiosity. The officers in charge of the City Prison observe, as a singular fact, that there is a great curiosity to see notorious criminals, and assert that this curiosity is more prevalent among the fair sex than among men .--They say, furthermore, that the greater the offence of the criminal, the greater is female curiosity, and that scarcely a day elapses without applications from ladies to see Stephens, Glass and other prisoners who have committed great crimes. Stephens, indeed, has been quite a lion among the gentle sympathizers, and numerous eyes have glistened with tears for his approaching fate .-Two ladies from Boston called last week, and had quite a lengthy conference with him. Passing on to the cell of Glass, they asked him what he was there for; and he replied that he was a Mormon, and was suffering for his religion, having married four wives in accordance with his creed, which a perverse generation deemed contrary to the well being of society. The younger and prettier of his inquisitors was highly indignant, and boldly declared that she believed he ought to be punished, and hoped he would be kept in prison until he learned better than to do such

What seems more singular still, not a week elapses but females apply to be informed when there will be an execution, and to beg the privilege of witnessing the exhibition. -New York Post.

The Apache Country.

The United States Indian Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Indian Superintendent Collins, of New Mexico. The superintendent announces the perfect safety of the southern overland mail-route, and says that the rumors of danger coming from letterwriters in that country owe their origin to misapprehensions. The well-informed know that no fear of attack need be entertained in that quarter; and Agent Steck, who proposes to meet some fifteen hundred Indians upon the Gila, to distribute the writes that his guard upon the occasion will they and their Whig friends throughout the at any subsequent period, and the man that usual quota of agricultural implements, consist of ten Mexicans, armed only with hoes and ox whips.

they and their wing friends inroughout the at any subsequent period, and the man that has this strong assurance has cheer of a tanbase and ox whips.

They are fresh supply of "Barelay & Perkins" has this strong assurance has cheer of a tanbase and ox whips. hoes and ox whips.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

GALENA, June 3 .- A destructive fire occurred yesterday morning. It broke out about 3 o'clock in Brown's crockery store and extending to the De Soto House, destroyed the Cincinnati, June 2.—About six hundred

cursion train, to celebrate the opening of the Hamilton and Dayton, Michigan and Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago routes. Boston, June 3 .- A festival was held in

Faneuil Hall vesterday afternoon and evening by the Homospathic faculty. The evening festival was attended by about three thousand persons, including our prominent COLUMBUS, June 2.-The following nomi-

nations have been made by the Ohio Republican State Convention: Governor, Wm. Dennison, jr.: Lieut. Governor. Robert C. Kirk; Supreme Judge, Wm. C. Gholsen; Auditor, R. W. Taylor; Treasurer, A. P. Stone; Secretary, A.P. Russell; Board of Public Works, John Gregory; School Commissioner, Anson Smith.

Washington, June 3.—The steamer Roanoke will, it is said, bring the Japanese Commissioners from Panama to New York. Commander Porter will leave in the stea-

mer of the 20th, to take command of the sloop-of-war St. Mary's, now at Panama. Captain Dahlgreen having, by order of the chief of the Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography, examined and tested Joslyn's breechloading carbine, officially reports that this style of arm commends itself to the tests of

the service, the only objection being the shortness of the barrel. BURLINGTON, Vt., June 2 .- The Annual Episcopal Convention here to-day made choice of the following clerical and lay deputies to the General Convention: Rev. John A. Hicks. Rev. George B. Mansur, Rev. D. Hillhouse, Rev. Frederick W. Shelton, Isaac F. Redfield, Thomas H. Canfield, Sylvester Deming, and

Edmund Weston. LAFAYETTE, O., June 2.—Spencer's Block was partially destroyed by fire this morning; loss \$2,000. W. L. Gregory's hardware store was also damaged, causing a loss of \$5,000. Several other stores and offices were also damaged. The total loss was \$10,000, par-

tially covered by insurance. JANESVILLE, June 2 .- The Chicago, Paul, and Fon-du-Lac Railroad was sold today to the first and second mortgage bondholders, for a nominal sum.

New Orleans, June 2 .- A portion of Banks' Arcade, and two adjoining buildings. were burned last night. The office of the Bulletin narrowly escaped destruction. The loss is about \$15,000.

BUFFALO, June 2,-Jacob A. Barker, an old and prominent citizen of Buffalo, died this morning.

President Buchanan's Speech in Raleigh, N. C. Fellow-citizens of North Carolina: I canheart, to recollect this reception from North gatherings, at New York and elsewhere, are Carolina. My public life has been a long one, and I have been engaged in many po-litical battles, and they are now rewarded by your smiles of approval.

I am glad to be here, in the capital of North Carolina, which you have rightly named Raleigh, thus aiding in perpetuating that great name. He fell a victim to a weak and pusillanimous tyrant; but, thank God, nothing of that kind can occur here-no such injustice can be perpetrated in this land of liberty. You, North Carolinians, were great rebels during the Revolution, of his Majesty's officers. He used to say who prefer cowhide boots to C nderella slipthat you rose in his rear as fast as he passed you, and that he could never claim that he was master of any ground in North Carolina save that which his army stood upon.— You first raised the flag of resistance to you have stood by it. And you will continue upheaval of the masses" on the occasion. to do so as long as your young men preserve the virtues of Macon and Nash and Caswell. You have scattered patriots throughout the United States, who, wherever they may be located, have always given their fellow-men the out-skirts, like thistles in a bed of roses,

a good opinion of the Old North State. It has become fashionable now-a-days to discuss the value of the Union. It was not cause of civil and religious liberty through- patent, or obtaining a re-issue before the out the world will receive a death blow .-My friends have spoken of the war progressing in Europe, in which kings are endeavorwin new glories, while the poor people, who are really the sufferers, are not thought of. This spectacle ought to teach us the value of our institutions. Here, you are to-day a the strong holds of Satan and erecting inbody of sovereigns, who have elected me stead the breastwork of Zion. A large numare to be jealously watched and accounted were seated upon the platform, evidently for

Though the sun of my political life is dent." growing dim, I shall never cease to refer vividly and with grateful emotions to this reception from the Old North State. (Loud:

cheers.) Extraordinary Escape. We received on Tuesday afternoon, the hundred rods; but Holden was able to sustain himself in that frightful position, hanging by his arms and hands, until help came. Then Mr. Tenny and another man placed themselves astride of the timber and careful- The quarrel between him and Roberts origily seizing hold of him, lifted him up, not an nated from alleged improper intimacy with instant too soon, for he was all but exhaust- Roberts's wife.' ed, and was unable to stand, or move, when at last in a place of safety. He must have sustained himself as stated above for more than ten minutes.—Burlington Free Press.

South-Western Virginia.

Notwithstanding the sly and persistent efforts of Government employees to produce a different result, the people of the South-West rallied to the support of the Opposition candidates, with a zeal and a gallantry worthy of all praise. Indeed, our noble friends their spirited conduct in the late election, true patriots, and achieved a result of which

Remarkable Race by Rail-Stakes \$275,000. From L. D. Rucker, superintendent of the

3 o'clock, in Brown's crockery store, and ex- land Leader obtains the following particulars southern wing of that hotel. The wholesale of an exciting race, in which the steeds were dry goods warehouse of Pickard & Co. was iron horses and the stakes greater than have er, it would seem, near Natchez. The formalso destroyed, with several other smaller buildings. The loss is estimated at \$144,000, on which there was \$55,000 insured in the want of better amusement, to spend their wa- Homer Insurance Company of New York, One day last week, as the eastward bound and the Ætna, Hartford, and Phoenix Com- express train reached Laporte, Indiana, a Virginia families, but not so wealthy or inpassenger stepped off while the engine was fluential as that of Vick. Young Stith, being replenished with wood and water, and citizens of Chicago, Milwaukie, and Fort walked back and forth on the platform, and Wayne, arrived here this morning on an ex- continued to walk until the whistle sounded. support. No doubt his position as compared The other passengers got on board and the with that of his wealthy school-fellow, before new route to Chicago via the Cincinnati, train passed off, but the gentleman still walked on. A few minutes after the train had gone, a station man saw the pedestrian, and

"What the --- are you doing here? The man started, opened his eyes, and looked around bewildered. The fact was, he had been fatigued and dropped asleep while walking. Rousing himself he asked:

"Why! Where am 1?" "Where are you? At Laporte. "Where's the train I came on?"

"That left ten minutes ago." "Ten minutes ago and left me! I must go on that train. It is a question of life and death with me. Can you get me to it? Have you got an engine here? Where is the Superintendent?

stated his case-he must go on-could not ed as the weapons and distance. delay-and offered the officer \$250 if he would put him on heard the train. This Mobile with their seconds, and on arriving strange demand and strange offer caused the there, or soon after, proceeded to the old Racc station master to hasten to do what he could. Course. Placed in position, each rifle in The fire was not out in the engine that had hand, both were cool and self-possessed, whilst drawn the train to that point-the bargain the intensest silence reigned around. Both was settled—a draft given on New York for answered in clear tones to the inquiry. "Are the \$250, and in ten minutes the traveller you ready?" At the first word, "fire," Vick the \$250, and in ten minutes the traveller started, with an engine to overtake the flying express. After rushing on for thirty or forty miles some connection gave way about the engine. The engine was stopped-the engineer found the difficulty, and in a very few minutes had a wooden pin whittled out and fitted to supply the deficiency. With this wounded; but Stith stood motionless, his rifle on they fiew. The train had of course many miles the start of them, and despite the wooden pin the engineer crowded on steam and ore through the country at a fearful rate.-Thirty miles of the distance past, was run in 27 minutes, but the engagement was that they should overtake the train, and do it they must, and do it they did, but not until more than one hundred miles had been run. and they were approaching Toledo. Having med seconds could reach him. The old school at length overtaken and stopped the train fend was closed-alas, how bloody.--Cor. and hurried on board, the traveller went eagerly to a berth in the sleeping car, and took therefrom a carpet-bag containing \$275, 000. His treasure was safe-none had mo lested it, and dismissing his faithful courier, he went on his way rejoicing at the success of his perilous and exciting adventure.

The Women in Council.

The modern Athens has lately reduced to practice the imaginings of the great comic poet of ancient Athens, and held their "Ee- | ment of facts: clesinzouse," or Women's Assembly, last not fail, while gratitude is an emotion of the week. Although the exhibitions at such not such as are creditable to those engaged in them, we may believe that the staid sober outside appearances which even irregular Puritanism is obliged to put on in Boston, prevented anything like the talk which Aristophanes puts into the mouths of the "certain old women" of his play. Hear what the Boston Post says of this meeting of the about three and one half families occupying crowd which every May

..... to Marlborough Chapel brings

Lean, hungry, savage, anti-every things. "The women's rights women, the strongminded women, the shrili-voiced women, and very troublesome to Lord Cornwallis, one and women of sharp features, the women pers, and woolen socks to silken hose; the women in favor of the free and independent use of pitchforks, razors, butcher knives and broom handles; the women of voluble speech and elongated tongues; held a convention at Great Britain in the western region of your Mercantile Hall yesterday afternoon. To your State, and you have done better since- use a common phrase, there was a "general The hall was completely filled, as well as several of the adjoining rooms. Every seat was occupied by the women, and a few of the "weaker sex" were sprinkled around or thorns in a thistle-hed. The ostensible purpose of the Convention was to consider principal and interest. This building stands the "rights of women." It is maintained fashionable twenty years ago. It is not by many that the rights of women are paevery transitory evil that leads to a divi- tent; as a natural consequence it follows sion of the Union. Let the friends of a that they are "patent rights," and it is unseparation of the Union succeed, and the doubtedly for the purpose of renewing the old one expires, that Conventions of the character noticed are held. Judging from the number in attendance and the interest ing to overthrow dynasties and generals to manifested at the Convention vesterday, there is evidently a strong tide of teminine sentiment in favor of a general revolution in governmental affairs; in favor of tearing down

A Man Sickleized. vesterday, says: "On Wednesday last, 24th ult., Lafavette Duncan Roberts, near Rock Spring, in this particulars of an escape from death well county. The parties had met in the woods, nigh miraculous. About 5 P. M. on Mon- and there was no other person present, exday, Mr. R. C. Holden, of Winooski, and cept it was the wife of Roberts, and she de-Mr. Tenny, superintendent of bridges on nies being near. The firing was heard by the Vermont Central Railroad, were examin- a man named Lassiter, who was ploughing ing the under timbers of the deck bridge in a field hard by, who recognized the voice across the Winoski, nearest the lime kiln. of Roberts. Three shots were fired, and it A plank on which Mr. Holden stood broke un- is evident that two of them were by Roberts der him, and he fell through the bridge. As with a double-harrel shot gun, as Eppes' he fell he threw his arms across a timber about body was almost riddled, there having 70 five feet below, and hung suspended some forty shots entered it; one charge entered his feet above the rocks and shallow water. Mr. stomach and abdomen, and the other his Tenny was unable to raise him from his peril- shoulder. When found he was dead, with ous position. Two of Mr. Holden's men, who a revolver lying near him. Roberts was were instantly at the spot, were either una- tried by Esquires Beaty and Brothers, and ble or too much alarmed to render any as- committed to jail. Eppes was tried in our sistance. Mr. Holden then told Mr. Tenny criminal court a few years since for causing to send for help to the lime kilns, as he the death of a woman by shooting, which thought he could hold on. The distance occurred accidentally as he fired at her hosfrom the bridge to the kilns is nearly one band. He was then sentenced to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for ten years. He appealed to the Supreme Court, but pending the trial of his cause he broke jail. We believe the case was subsequently dismissed.

Major Henry W. Thomas.

Major Henry W. Thomas, the gallant standard bearer of the Whig cause in this vote against him by reason of party ties.

Maj. Thomas not only excited an intense in the South-West deserve a monument for triumph, but through the whole contest, evening resorts of the people, to see their and, were it within our power, there should be one erected in honor of them, with all be one erected in honor of them, with all be dalke the respect and esteem of friend and stronger than coffee or lemonade, without erville, except my brother, Samuel W. Somerville, despatch. They acted like brave men and foeman. His gallant bearing leaves him a spirits of any sort. stronger man in the hour of his defeat, than

The late Duel Near Mobile. NEW ORLEANS, May 31, 1859.—From an

of in my last.

Vick and Stith were boys at school togethential planter, was somewhat disposed to lord it over his comrades, among whom was Stith, son of a member of one of the oldest when the school comrades separated, entered whom life opened so brightly and prosperously, engendered feelings that may have been more embittered by subsequent meetings of going up to him, asked, in a surprised tone: the two young men in the career of a country town, where rivalry is more marked and more personly virulent than in a great city. Last Sunday morning the two met accidentally in a billiard saloon on Gravier street, and a young man of the party began

introducing all around. Presently coming to Stith he wished to introduce him to Viek. Stith openly refused. Vick as openly asked why? Stith replied that he had reasons which he would not divulge. Vick em- for a moment, and then, ere the reverberating this old State will be regenerated and delivphatically said he must give them. Stith tones of the ass had died away, he turned to ered from the thraldom that now binds itthen answered because he did not think Vick the audience, and, throwing up his hand de- that the leaven, the effective Whig leaven, a gentleman. Vick exclaimed, "that is a precatingly to his first opponent, exclaimed, e." and Stith struck him. The bystanders The section master had an office near interfered, and both parties were separated. tor! I can't stand it!"—and sat down amid by and the two went to find that efficial Vick immediately sent a challenge, which the deafening shouts of the multitude .--

The next day the belligerents went over to and withdrew. instantly lowered his weapon, and as it came to a level, the flash from the muzzle told how quickly he had pulled the trigger. My informant says it struck him at the moment that Vick had fired before he intended. In a second he looked at Stith to see if he was steadily presented at his opponent, and as the next word "one" was untered by the second, the slight stream of fire and smoke issued from the dark tube, the sharp crack followed, and instantaneously, as the eyes of the bystanders were fastened on Vick, the latter's head fell on his breast, his form, so erect and manly, shrank up and he fell-stretching out as he touched the ground-dead, before his alar-

Tenement Houses in New York.

The New York Sanitary Association held a monthly meeting last week. Dr. Griscom from the committee to examine and report upon tenement houses asked that the com-mittee be discharged. Mr. Halliday from that committee was allowed to read a few remarks upon the subject of tenement of houses. He produced the following startling state-"Three years since the whole number of

buildings of all descriptions in this city was some 53,000. The city is divided into twentytwo Wards. In 1856, nineteen of these Wards contained a population of 535,027 inhabitants, divided into 112,833 families. averaging a little less than five souls in each family. For the accommodation of these 112,833 families residing in nineteen Wards there were 36,088 dwellings, averaging an entire house. There are but 12.717 these families occupying an entire house, 7.148 of these dwellings contain two families, 4,600 contain each three families .-Thus while 24,465 of these dwellings, shelter but 56,213 families, the remaining 13 623 houses have to cover 76,620 families, averaging nearly six families to each house. Showing that about three-fourths of the whole population of New York live, averaging but a fraction less than six families in a house, while only about one family in ten

occupy a whole house. The tenement house system is the result of the high value of land, and the rents are enormous. In one case, where the establishment is arranged for the accomodation of 126 families, the rates charged, if the tene ments were all occupied, would not be less than 25 or 30 per cent, on the first cost, that some five years would suffice to pay on a plot of ground, perhaps 50x250 feet .here is an alley on each side, running the whole depth, and being some 8 feet in width. Our tenement buildings are almost invariably so constructed as to make even tolerable ventilation entirely out of the question. A current of fresh air can never be passed through them after they are finished. Each tenement very generally consists of a room and bedroom. The buildings 3 to 6 stories high, with two or more families on each floor story. In this one room the families sit, do all their work, cook, wash and eat.

Among families thus huddled together, the development of disease and of wickedness is

not surprising." No Drunkards in Spain.

James O. Putnam, an eminent citizen of Buffalo, New York, writes from Spain to the Buffalo Advertiser an interesting letter in regard to the drinking habits of the people. The Murfreesboro' (Tenn.) Telegraph of His observations go to confirm the statement often made, that the people of wine growing countries, who use wine as an ordinary drink Eppes was shot and killed by a man named at their tables, seldom fall into the habit of intemperance. There is a matter of serious

thought in such facts as these:---"A few cents everywhere buy a bottle of wine; its use is universal; there is never a meal without it. What is the effect of this abundance and this universal use upon the sabits of the people? I can only answer that I have sought the most intelligent sources of information, and have had but one reply, and that has been confirmed by my own observation, which has not been uninquisitive, that drunkenness is not a vice of the country: that excessive drinking of intoxicating liquors is not its habit; that while there are exceptional cases, as a nation it is one of sobriety. It is not true that there is no drunkenness; but it is rare, not habitual, even in individuals, and is not felt as a pub-

Nor is it true that the wines drunk in great excess will not intoxicate. You will think my curiosity a little impertment, but I have visited hospitals, both in Portugal and Spain, and inquired of their physicians if they ever had cases of delirum tremens-that scourge which, in our country, opens the gateway to death to so many gifted and noble natures-and their universal reply has been, that it was a disease unknown to the country. Private practitioners told me the same thing

"During the three months I have spent it Spain, I have seen but a single instance of Congressional District, has failed in an elec- intexication; this was on a 'bull fight' day at tion, but we veture to affirm that he occu- Grenada. Another thing I have observed; pies a place still warm in the affections of there is in Spain no constant dram-drinking. every Oppositionist, and deservedly high in The hotels in this country have no bars or the regard of those who were constrained to saloon. The loungers-and the country desire on the part of political friends for his dwelling. But if you were to visit those wherever he spoke, wherever he was thrown life, you might find them all drinking, but

DORTER AND ALE .- We are just in receipt

S. S. Prentiss.

When this gentleman was in his glory in the State of Mississippi, during a season of high political excitement, there was a convention at Hernando. Prentiss was there, and set everything ablaze with his burning elonuence and inimitable wit. As was usual, north State. nundreds of ladies crowded the ground to hear him, and when he had concluded the welkin rang with shouts of applause. Now there was present one Diodemus Brief, esq., an opponent, who like the gnat in the fable never suffered to pass unimproved an opportunity to inflict his bite on the ox's legs. life dependent on his own energies alone for arose to reply to some of Mr. Prentiss's argaments. When Diodemus had gone through his "piece," and had given it the last finishing touch of gesticulation peculiarly his own, he sat down apparently exhausted. Prentiss meanwhile, sat looking on, with a peculiar twinkle in his eye, enjoying the thing hugely. At the conclusion he slowly arose, advanced to the front of the stand, intending, no doubt, to drop an admonitory hint to such thick-headed zealots, when at that moment a neighboring jackass, quartered hard by, "opened his mouth" and spake loud and direction of his new assailant, fairly gaped with astonishment without uttering a word 'Ah! ladies and gentlemen another competiand to procure an engine. The traveller was accepted, and rifles, at forty paces, namstated his case—he must sto on—could not ed as the weapons and distance.

Diodemus Brief, esq., became thoroughly disgusted with the "vulgar Whig meeting,"

Terrible Calamity in Texas.

The Dallas (Texas) Herald of the 11th ilt., says :- "A gentleman just from Fort Worth reports a most painful calamity that on the west fork of the Trinity, about seven miles above Fort Worth. A gentleman living very near West Fork, on returning home during the heavy rain that was falling, found his house was being rapidly surrounded with the flood that was rushing down the ow lands bordering on the stream. He had a wife and seven children; took two of them on his shoulders, and carried them over the water to a shed on the premises, placed them upon it, and started back for the other chillren and his wife. He had not gone far when a cry from the shed drew his attention; he looked back, and discovered it floating off with his two children on it. He rushed after it, and, after following it nearly haif a mile, succeeded in placing his hildren upon a place of safety. Night was rapidly coming on, and he returned to save his wife and children, but, alas! he found not even a vestige of his home-no sign of wife or child; and, to add to the horrors of the scene, darkness was fast settling down upon the rushing flood, whose appalling roar deadened the cries of his family, even if they then lived. The unhappy father has heard nothing from them yet, and every effort made to find their bodies has proved

Judge Taney's Decision in the Slave Case. In the case of the slave Amy, decided a few lays since, Chief Justice Taney has furnished written decision.

From a review of the decision we discover the assertion of the following great principles 1st. That slaves are recognized by the Constitution of the United States in the char-

acter of persons. 2d. That slaves are represented in Congress. as persons. Ed. That as persons, they are, in many in-

stances, at least, subject to certain liabilities, and invested with the rights corresponding to those liabilities, in the same way that other persons are. 4th. That among those liabilities, are those which render them amenable to trial and

punishment for crimes and misdemeanors; and among these rights, is the right of legal protection against personal injury.

5th. That the Constitution of the United

states also recognises slaves as property. 6th. "As properly, the rights of the owner are cutified to the protection of the law;" i. e. the laws of the United States, enacted by Congress.—Rich. Enq.

The Feeling in Germany.

Let me give you, says a Vienna letter wri-

ter, a few instances of the growing excitement in Germany : "In Bayaria, the Queen, who is a born the use of the French language at Court .--In Munich, as well as in Stuttgardt and Dresden, female societies are forming for the purpose of pledging as many of the fair sex as possible to refrain from wearing crinoline or any other articles of French manufacture. In half a dozen reading rooms of Southern Germany, the Cologne Gazette, and organ of the Prussian Ministry, has been tabooed on account of its coolness and animus against France. In one of its last numbers, the same paper publishes a communication from old Professor Arndt the national poet, and for half a century past, one of the most eminent patriots. In this the veteran defender of German rights, while reprobating to the utmost, France and the French, yet exhorts Germany not to assist Austria in keeping Italy, but to acquiesce in the national though moderate policy of the Cabinet of Prussia.

a public reception on his arrival home at ny Whigs as a compliment to a neighbor and Faribault, and said in his speech:-"I made my pre-emption, as you all know, on the Faribault prairie. I paid for it with my own erted himself with far more zeal than in l warrant, the warrant which I received for my services in Mexico-the only bounty he has shown that his principles are we which I ever received from the Government for those services. And I will venture to say, that I am the first General in the United States Army who ever made his own preemption with his own warrant. Now this, I think, is a home to be proud of-a home with my blood."

Those Dead Men.

Wonder what the bewildered and mortified Virginia Democracy think of those dead men, who came within an ace of beating them into jelly on Thursday week last! Now, if the dead Whigs of 1859 can thus almost accomplish a victory in the strongest and most obstinate Democratic State in the nion, what may not the real live Whigs of 1860 do? We merely ask for information, ett and D. W. Sowers, members of the Board. while we cry out at the top of our voice-All honor to the valiant ghosts of the Old Dominion! Let these ghosts make one more pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and they shall reign in triumph over Virginia and the Union next year.-Rich. Whig.

The Mount Vernon Fund.

The Vice Regent of Virginia gratefully ac-knowledges the receipt of \$100, liberally contributed by the Masons of Wheeling, Va. Yesterday the Vice Regent sent on a draft for seven hundred and seventy-four dollars and twenty-five cents (774 25) to Geo. W. swarms with them—visit the cafes and club-houses. The hotels are as quiet as a private Association of the Union, at Washington.— Richmond Enquirer.

ATOTICE.-No one is authorized to centract debts in any shape or form against the Trust of Culpeper County, and myself; and I hereby notify the public that I will not be accountable for debts contracted in any other way.

R. B. SOMERVILLE,

Trustee for Wm. G. Somerville. Righmond, Va., my 16-law6w

Letter from North Carolina.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette CHAPEL HILL, N. C., June 2, 1859, -This is my first visit to this "Hill of Science," and the first time I have trod the soil of the old

As the Commencement always attracts :

crowd, I have been carried by the current but find that heretofore it was but a ripole in comparison to the tide which now sets in swollen, it appears, by the expected presence of the President and suite to-morrow. From what I see and hear he will be greeted as North Carolina's expansive soul knows how to receive and cheer-not as the leader of a great political party, nor as the embodiment of a defunct one, but as the head of a great and glorious republic. I left our home just as the returns were being received of vonelection, and in this interior position do a glean as rapidly the news as in our more t vored city: but to-day my heart, with the hearts of hundreds here, have rejoiced at the long. Mr. Prentiss turned his eyes in the favorable reports of Whig gains in various parts of Virginia. This news-so unexpect ed-I find carries with it here the belief that which permeates the veins of old Virginia, will circulate and swell the arteries of this sister, until the great heart of the south will swell up and well out such a stream that the extremities of the Union will attach themselves the more firmly to the body politic, be strengthened, revivified and rejuvinatedthat she will grow up and expand, and the cool head of conservative Whigism guide govern and control this mighty Union

I have met with numbers here from the Southern States, whose heads have become curred last Thursday evening, near night, | dizzy with the reckless course of the Demcratic party, and have been carried about by every wind of doctrine, until they have foun themselves drifting towards the whirlped of disunion. This glorious breeze from 'never tire," blowing as it does from the central position towards the circumference, will b availed of by a despairing crew to bring them to a safe haven.

Let us bestir ourselves and place at the helm our greatest and best men. Let availability be no word of our vocabulary. Let Whig principles be our rule of faith-our crown its victory.

Letter from the Northern Neck.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette: RICHMOND COUNTY, June 1.-The election is past, and a sort of calm is gradually coming over us again. We have had political discussions, musters, &c., and so have been, for some time, in a state of unusual excite-

The weather has been beautifully bright lately, and the country looks finely. The farmers are complaining of the fly and joint worm in the wheat, though I think the propect for a good wheat crop encouraging. There is a Court and trial of a nove

acter being held here, in the Methodist Church. The parties are a circuit preacher and lay member-the former plaintiff -the charge slander. The Court is composed of one Judge, or Chairman, and a committee of five. It has been in session since Monday last, and is expected to continue several days longer.

Our jail, usually unoccupied, has one inmate, in the person of a negro man, (slave,) charged with having committed an assaul upon a respectable white woman. He will probably be hung. There is a case of the same nature, but much more aggravated, in Westmoreland county, in which the accused

is a free negro. Col. Harvey, Whig, was elected to the House of Delegates from this and Westmore land counties, but the majority for Goggin was not so large as Flournov's. We are good Whigs here though, and will continue to hope that "there's a good time coming." Mosquito.

IMPORTANT LAND SCIT DECIDED. -An important suit-the case of Kite's heirs vs. the heirs of Reuben Harrison, dec'd., for the recovery of a valuable farm in this county, which has been in the possession of the latter for about 30 years,-was decided by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, during its present term. The suit was decided in favor of Kite's heirs, who are declared to be entitled to six-sevenths of the farm, as Princess of Prussia, has put an interdict on | well as to the rents of the farm, viz: \$300 per year, with interest on the amount of rent after the expiration of each year from 1851 up to the present time. The other seventh of the farm goes to Harrison's heirs. during the lifetime of John Smith, father of Alfred Smith, through and of whom Reuben Harrison originally obtained the farm. The case excited considerable interest. Very able arguments were advanced by the coun sel on each side. Counsel for Harrison's heirs, Messrs, Bryan & Woodson, Thomas J. Michie and J. W. G. Smith; for Kite's heirs, Messrs, Harris and Baldwin. Application for a new trial was made,-Rockinghas

THE WHIG CANDIDATES IN THE FREDERICK AND CLARKE DISTRICT .- In regard to the election for State Senator, the District, consisting of Frederick, Clarke and Warren. decidedly Democratic, that no one could hope for the success of our worthy friend Meade over Gen. Carson, the Demo Gen. Shields. Senator from Minnesota, had | cratic nominee, who received the votes of ma personal friend. But it is due to Mr. Mend to state that in the canvass for Congress her own behalf. In conducting "a forlorn hope grounded; and that there is often as much

oner in defeat as in victory.

Our worthy Whig candidates for the House of Delegates, Messrs. Baker and Wash ington, also went into the contest with well known odds against them. They passed which I hold sacred, because I purchased it through the ordeal unscathed, even party malignity being able to urge nothing to their detriment as honorable men and good citi zens .- Winchester Rep.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the Potoniac Association of the Baptist Church held its session for this year at the Catachi Baptist Church, in Loudonn county beweek. The Rev. W. F. Broadus, B. Grimsley, W. C. Kerfoot, Stephen P. Hill, Isaac Clark, S. H. Rogers and Messrs. John Pick were in attendance. Several able ser mons were preached by Revs. Grimsly and Broadus. The meeting was very interesting .- Leesburg Washingtonian.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VA .- It is with feel ings of the most intense delight that we con gratulate our readers on the glorious trium; which the Whig party has achieved in the county. We have overthrown our opponents. We have set them all back in this region and some of them so far back that it will re quire several months and some six or seven search warrants to find them. The Whigs of Rockbridge have given a clean majority every man on the ticket .- Lexington Gazett

REAPER AND MOWER FOR SALE. The subscriber has for sale, a second hand MANNY'S REAPER AND MOWER, with Wood's improvement. It is nearly new, having been in " only one seasou—works well, and will be sold at a considerable reduction from first cost. Any per son in want of one of the above Machines can

save money by application to JOSIAH G. LOW. Gainesville, Pr. Wm. Co., Va. my 27—cett